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Applicant: Szeming Cheng et al.

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Embedding Data in  
Compressed Audio Data Stream

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Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows and consider the  
remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.